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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 7, 2005

Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. ALEXANDER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. REVISION OF FEASIBILITY AND SUITABILITY**
2 **STUDY OF TRAIL OF TEARS NATIONAL HIS-**
3 **TORIC TRAIL.**

4 Section 5(a)(16) of the National Trails System Act
5 (16 U.S.C. 1244(a)(16)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sub-
7 sections” and inserting “sections”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 paragraph:

10 “(C) Not later than one complete fiscal year
11 after the date of the enactment of this subpara-
12 graph, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to
13 Congress a study regarding the feasibility and suit-
14 ability of designating, as additional components of
15 the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, the
16 Benge and Bell routes, the land components of the
17 designated water routes in Tennessee, Alabama, Ar-
18 kansas, and Oklahoma, the routes from the collec-
19 tion forts in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and
20 Tennessee to the emigration depots, and related
21 campgrounds located along such routes and in such
22 land components, by which the Cherokee Nation was
23 removed to Oklahoma. Upon completion of the
24 study, if the Secretary determines that such routes,
25 land components, and campgrounds are a feasible
26 and suitable addition to the Trail of Tears National

1 Historic Trail, the Secretary shall designate such
2 routes, land components, and campgrounds as com-
3 ponents of the Trail of Tears National Historic
4 Trail. The Secretary shall publish notice of the des-
5 ignation in the Federal Register.

6 “(D) No additional funds are authorized to be
7 appropriated to carry out subparagraph (C). The
8 Secretary may accept donations for the Trail from
9 private, nonprofit, or tribal organizations.”.

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